Diversion of Funds

1819. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link central plan assistance to States to specific proposals so as to avoid diversion of funds to unproductive expenditure;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases of diversion of funds by various States have been reported to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such a proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Government is considering to make Central Assistance to State Plans more project specific in order to prevent the possibility of diversion of Central Assistance to non-plan revenue expenditure in the case of States for which own resources are negative. Some steps have already been taken in this direction like creation of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) under which project specific assistance is provided for irrigation projects.

Financial Support for Modernisation of Cochin Shipyard

1820. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought adequate fund support for implementation of its scheme for expansion and modernisation of ship repair facilities in Cochin Shipyard Limited from the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Planning Commission thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala had approached the Planning Commission for adequate fund support during the Ninth Plan Period for expansion of ship repair facilities so as to create an infrastructure of international standards in public sector at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Cochin, envisaging an investment of Rs. 240 crore. In view of the acute constraint on budgetary resources, the Planning Commission had suggested alternative routes of funding either on Build, Operate and Transfer basis or as a joint venture. In the meantime the Shipyard has been asked to go ahead with preparation of a Feasibility Report.

Financial Requirement for Ninth Plan

1821. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial requirement for financing the Ninth Plan;

(b) out of these requirements how much will have to be generated by the public sector;

(c) of the public sector resources how much will have to be generated by the L.I.C. and G.I.C.; and

(d) whether any study has been made on the impact of the possible opening up of the insurance sector on the L.I.C. and G.I.C. potential for resource generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY